

NEGRO PREACHER' USES 'GOLD BRICKS'

After Solemn Incantations He Digs Up Twelve Bars of Metal.

VICTIM PARTS WITH \$240

Church Treasurer Persuaded to Give Up Funds, Then the Sorcerer Disappears.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ROCK HILL, S. C., July 17.—A gold brick agent recently visited this community and after inducing Peter Jones, negro, to separate himself from \$240 of church funds, which he held as treasurer, departed and is now sought by officers. Several days ago a dignified looking negro wearing the garb of an up to date negro preacher called at the home of Peter Jones, who is a tenant farmer near the city. After introductions, the minister made himself at home. Peter was treasurer of a local church and the minister was much impressed with the piety of his host as well as with the liberality of his table.

Sunday came and Peter harnessed his mule and preparations were made to go to church. The Rev. George Moore, for such the stranger had christened himself, pleaded a headache, and remained at home.

Upon the return of the family Mr. Moore mentioned that he had taken a walk during the afternoon and that an instrument in his pocket had acted in such a manner that he was convinced there was buried treasure on the farm.

He suggested that the party immediately repair to the spot and dig up the gold, as his instrument would unfailingly point them to the spot, even in the dark.

However, Peter did not fancy digging in the dark, even accompanied by a preacher, so he said morning would be time enough. Accordingly, early the next morning breakfast was eaten and Moore told Peter to get a Bible, four glasses, some vinegar, pick and shovel and a wad of cotton. Thus equipped, the entire family started forth to a spot some distance from the house and after zigzagging about Moore's instrument, in reality a compass, began to change directions.

Here absolute silence was demanded and only the minister was to speak. Directing the woman to turn a leaf of the Bible every time the wind changed, the four glasses were set down, forming a square of about two feet. The vinegar was poured into the glasses and each person was told to stuff cotton in his or her nose.

Soon something hard was struck and reaching down the leader pulled up a shining bar, apparently solid gold. Another and another were drawn forth from the excavation, until twelve shimmering pieces of the metal were revealed. After allowing each one to "feel" the gold, the treasure was divided into four equal shares and each one was told to take his share and go home.

The Rev. Mr. Moore did some calculating upon the return to the house and estimated that the worth of the find was about \$10,000, informing each of the persons as to the amount of his or her share. He was to ship the gold ingots to the Treasury Department at Washington, and showed a letter he had written to Secretary Mellon informing him that the bars had been shipped. He was to mail this letter and express the box containing the bars.

Nothing developed until the following Thursday, when a letter arrived by mail for Peter Jones. This purported to be from Washington and was to the effect that each person interested would receive in cash the amount deposited their names. This was the same as had previously been estimated by Moore.

Upon learning the contents of the letter Moore expressed the opinion that it was time they were going to Columbia or sending a sum of money there, that the details incident to the forwarding of the pay for the gold bars might be speedily pushed through. When Peter averred that he had no money Moore reminded him of the fact that as treasurer of the church he had \$240 in the bank and he could borrow this and return it after receipt of his share from the sale. He finally persuaded Peter that there would be no harm in this transaction, so the two came to town and drew out the money in greenbacks. Going to the post office Peter was instructed to get a stamp while Moore put the money in the envelope and sealed it, addressing it to some one in Columbia, S. C. While Peter was getting the stamp Moore deftly inserted leaves from an old catalogue in the envelope and the money in his pocket, and Peter, never suspecting, placed the stamp on the envelope and speeded the letter on its way.

Moore then suggested a festival in the form of an extra supper, announcing his intention of going to Charlotte and bringing his wife with him to participate. Peter went home. Moore went somewhere, and a few days later the letter came back and was opened by officers, who found the catalogue leaves. Peter sought advice when the preacher did not turn up, and now he is contemplating having relations until he can repay the \$240 church funds he used without authority. If, indeed, the organization does not prosecute him for malfeasance in office.

DAWE'S CHICAGO BANK TAKES OVER ANOTHER

Central Trust Co. of Illinois Absorbs Great Lakes Co.

CHICAGO, July 17.—The Great Lakes Trust Company, the latest of Chicago's downtown banks, which was organized two years ago, will be liquidated and its business taken over by the Central Trust Company. It was announced today. On June 30 the Great Lakes Trust reported deposits of \$6,655,409.

Charles G. Dawes is chairman of the board of the Central Trust Company, which has deposits aggregating \$58,500,000.

THREE DEAD IN CAR SMASH

Many Injured in Collision Near Pottstown, Pa.

POTTSTOWN, Pa., July 17.—Three persons are dead and between thirty-five and forty others injured as the result of a head-on collision today between two trolley cars on the Pottstown and Phoenixville Electric Railway at Rhine Hill, a quarter mile east of this borough. Some of the injured are in a serious condition.

The dead are Calvin Levan, motorman of one of the cars; Earl M. Engle and Mrs. S. Stanley Wilson, both of Pottstown.

THREE DROWN IN OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 17.—Alice Roy, 24 years old, and her two cousins, Anette and Yvette Chastillon, aged 8 and 6 years, respectively, were drowned in the Ottawa River yesterday. The bodies were recovered to-day.

BRENNAN'S PNEUMONIA ATTACK IS SLIGHT

Mrs. Stillman's Counsel Must Take Long Rest.

John F. Brennan of Yonkers, counsel for Mrs. Anna U. Stillman in her defence of the action for divorce brought by James A. Stillman, was reported in his home last night to be resting comfortably following the diagnosis of his illness as pneumonia. The attack is a comparatively light one, according to Mr. Brennan's physicians, but he cannot be said to be out of danger for several days.

Dr. P. S. McCormick, the family physician, said Mr. Brennan was resting well and in little pain. When he has recovered he probably will take a long rest, which will prevent him from appearing in court for several weeks.

Mrs. Stillman has sent several messages inquiring as to Mr. Brennan's condition.

MIDLAND MADE \$4,359 UNDER 5 CENT FARE

Greater Profits Seen This Summer by Whalen.

Crover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, made public yesterday a report to the Board of Estimate in which he stated the Midland Railway trolley lines of Staten Island have made a net profit of \$4,359.58 under municipal operation at a 5 cent fare from December 1 to June 30.

He said conditions of operation "have by no means been ideal," and added that the heavier traffic of the summer months give promise of increasing the revenue during the last half of the year. Certain items of expense are estimated, and the Commissioner believes that when they are determined finally the net profit will be found to be larger than that now estimated.

A municipal power plant, he said, should increase the earning power of the lines.

"The city has given better service on these lines," he contends, "than ever was given under private ownership and operation."

FABRE LINER MISSED COLLISION BY 5 FEET

Spanish Freighter Ignored Whistle During Fog.

That the Fabre liner Providence was saved from a collision in a fog in the Mediterranean by a margin of only five feet was learned yesterday when the vessel docked in Brooklyn. Capt. Noel Marcantelli of the Providence said he was on the bridge when a Spanish freighter loomed up, and gave the signal to go to starboard. The freighter paid no attention to this or another whistle and Capt. Marcantelli gave his own vessel full speed astern. The Spanish vessel just cleared the bows of the Providence. She went on in the fog without signaling.

H. W. Major of Chicago, who was at the Russian border in charge of Red Cross work, said that 99 per cent. of those coming out of Russia were dissatisfied with Soviet rule. Another passenger was Sig. E. J. Mavery, director of the North American College at Rome, on his way to visit his home in Albany. The Providence made the trip in ten days and two hours, seven hours better than her previous record.

100 PER CENT. AMERICAN LINER ARRIVES HERE

American Legion Sails Saturday for Rio de Janeiro

The new Shipping Board liner American Legion, manned by a 100 per cent. American crew, nine-tenths of whom are members of the soldiers' organization, arrived yesterday from Camden, N. J., to lead for her maiden voyage to Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, for which she will sail Saturday. As she came up the harbor dressed in South American and allied flags she was greeted noisily with whistles from passing river and harbor craft.

The American Legion is 535 feet long and of 18,000 tons. She was intended for army transport service, but changed to a first class passenger liner at the close of the war, and is one of the fastest vessels flying the American flag. Her managing operator, Frank C. Munson, announced her trial trips indicate she will reach Rio in ten days, as against the present record of twelve days for that port.

FOR CONVICT BUILT WALL

Sing Sing Warden Wants Prisoners to Construct It.

Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing announced yesterday that he would seek to have the big wall, four-fifths of a mile in length, which is to enclose both the old and new Sing Sing prisons, built by prison labor instead of by contract. He estimates a saving of \$300,000 to \$500,000.

The new wall is to be built of reinforced concrete and will be three feet thick at the bottom and one foot at the top. It will run through fields, over hills, down cliffs and across swamps. Its construction will be difficult in many places.

BALTIC BACK IN SERVICE

Popular White Star Vessel Coming From Liverpool.

The White Star steamship Baltic, which has been a popular ship with American travellers ever since she was built in 1904, left Liverpool Saturday for this port, on her first trip of this year. The vessel has been in the hands of her builders at Belfast since January and has been overhauled from end to end. During the war the Baltic was in constant service between New York and Liverpool and was never damaged, though the German submarines tried to get her on every trip she made.

REVIVING TACNA ISSUE

LIMA, Peru, July 17.—Ceremonies have been held here in commemoration of the anniversary of the battle of Arica, between the Peruvians and Chileans. A memorial was presented to President Leguia in which he was asked to grant parliamentary representation to Peruvians from the "unredeemed" provinces of Tacna and Arica. The provinces are now under Chilean administration.

The President promised to give the petition careful consideration.

NATIONAL AIRWAYS CENTRE IN NEW YORK

Mincola Decided Upon for One of Group Locations of War Department.

TO CROSS THE CONTINENT

State to Take Important and Leading Part in Development of Work.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Washington, D. C., July 17.

New York city and New York State, both for military preparedness and for commercial enterprise, are counted upon by the War Department to take a progressive, leading and important part in the development of great national airways. Mincola is decided upon by the War Department for one of the group airbases, with strategic locations along the Atlantic coast.

The War Department has drafted tentative plans for eight great airways, three of which are transcontinental, as part of the programme for developing the air service. These airways are to be developed through the National Guard, constituting one-third of the reorganized army, and the organized reserve, constituting one-half of the reorganized army.

One of the transcontinental routes starts from New York, but the principal southern great lake ports as it proceeds westward to Seattle, and connecting at Chicago with another transcontinental airline to San Francisco. By short flight from New York to Washington connection is made with the Eastern terminus of the mid-continent route from Washington to San Francisco. New York also is on the Atlantic coast airway from Portland, Me., to Key West.

Many places in New York State have been selected by the officials of the Air Service as headquarters for units of the National Guard and organized reserve. These citizen soldiers to be in charge of the local airbases, municipal landing fields and radio signal stations. The proposed distribution of these air units in the Second Corps Area, including New York, is as follows:

Albany—One division air service, one corps air service headquarters, one air park, one communication section, two airbase companies, one pursuit squadron—all of these units being of the organized reserve.

Atlantic City—One division air service (National Guard), and one balloon company (organized reserve). Binghamton—Where a municipal airbase is already available, one observation squadron of the organized reserve.

Buffalo—One group headquarters, one balloon company, one balloon park, one communication section, two attack squadrons, one air park, one group headquarters, one observation squadron—all of these units being in the organized reserve.

Ithaca—One observation squadron and one photo section, both of the organized reserve. Mitchell Field—One observation squadron and one photo section, both of the regular army.

New York City—One division air service (National Guard) and the following units, all of the organized reserve: One corps air service headquarters, two observation squadrons, one air park, one photo section, one communication section, one army air service headquarters, one headquarters squadron, one airship company, one airbase company.

Plattsburg—One division air service and one balloon company, both of the organized reserve. Poughkeepsie—One observation squadron of the organized reserve.

Rochester—One division air service, two photo sections, one group headquarters, one balloon park, one communication section, one pursuit squadron, two photo sections, one balloon company and one balloon park, all these units being of the organized reserve.

Schenectady—One pursuit squadron of the organized reserve. Syracuse—Two pursuit squadrons and one air park, both units being of the organized reserve.

Trenton—One balloon company, one group headquarters and one photo section, all three being of the organized reserve. Troy—One pursuit squadron, organized reserve.

Wilmington, Del.—One balloon company, organized reserve.

CAPE MAY CHIEF GETS CLUE TO KIDNAPPERS

Their Arrest and Recovery of Children Expected.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CAPE MAY, N. J., July 17.—Chief of Police Gibson declared today that detectives who are in search of Jack and Margaret Woodland, kidnapped children of Mrs. Robert Emmett Woodland, have a definite clue and expect to recover the children and arrest the kidnappers within a few hours. The chief said he had reason to believe the children were within a hundred miles of Cape May, along a lonely stretch of beach on the Virginia shore.

The chief had a telephone call today directing him to rush photographs of the children and descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Henry James of Richmond, Va., the mysterious strangers who made friends with the children and vanished at the same time they disappeared July 8.

Sheriff Tomlin of this county is said to have taken precautions to see that no violence is done to the supposed kidnappers when they are caught, as feeling against them runs very strong here.

ACQUITTED OF WIFE MURDER

Defendant Had Been Accused of Burning His Family.

MONROE, N. B., July 17.—O. Galus Steeves was set free to-day after being found not guilty yesterday of the murder of his wife. It was his second trial, the jury having disagreed at the first.

Mrs. Steeves and five of her children were burned to death in their home last February. Steeves was charged with causing the fire.

TO PROTECT THE SCALP USE BARKER'S HIRTS FOR THE HAIR DRUG AND DEPT STORES

LITHUANIA KEEPS OUT OF POLISH CONFERENCE

Refusal of Compromise Plan Expected by League.

GENEVA, July 17.—The Lithuanian delegation informed the League of Nations that the Lithuanians would be unable to attend the proposed Polish-Lithuanian conference at Brussels, which it was planned to hold to-day. They added, however, that the Lithuanian answer would be submitted within a few days.

As this answer is understood to be a refusal of the compromise plan approved at the recent session of the council, it is considered in league circles that Lithuania is becoming daily less anxious to negotiate a settlement of the dispute with Poland.

EXHUMING U. S. DEAD IS SLOW IN GERMANY

Many Graves Are Unmarked and Other Difficulties Are Experienced.

BERLIN, July 17.—The work of exhuming the bodies of the American soldiers who died as prisoners of war in Germany has developed such difficulties that some uncertainty attaches to the identity of the few which have been unearthed from among the unnamed German and other dead in the cemeteries near the old prison camps.

"The bodies exhumed comprise what are thought to be the remains of American soldiers who died in Germany," said a member of the registration service. "We shipped fifteen from Leipzig to Antwerp for transportation to America. Our operations have been carried out in Straßburg, Stockach (on the northern end of Lake Constance), Lindau-am-Bodensee, Munich, Darmstadt, Coblenz, Stuttgart and Hindenburg, Silesia."

To exhume and remove the single soldier buried near Hindenburg—in a flower covered grave shaded by chestnut trees—was necessary to obtain permission from the International High Commission at Oppeln. Polish representatives there, the head of German self-defence organizations and the leader of Polish insurgents, for the grave was in territory held by Polish insurgents.

Two bodies were exhumed near Berlin, one in Tüchel, Poland, and another near Dresden. Capt. Eugene M. Dwyer and Capt. G. Cole have conducted the work with a civilian personnel of twenty-four men, comprising chauffeurs, embalmers and technical assistants.

LECTURERS AT COLUMBIA

Lecturers at Columbia's summer school literature courses this week include Edwin Lefevre, "The Short Story"; Samuel L. Crothers, "The Essay"; Rolfe Ogden, "The Newspaper"; William Allen White, "Writing About the Modern World"; and Brander Matthews, "The Retrospect."

KILLED ON WAY TO GRAVE

MERIDEN, Conn., July 17.—Mrs. Antoinette Remond, 47, of this city, died on the way to the hospital to-day, after having been hit by an automobile. She was walking along the road to visit her husband's grave when struck. Her companion, Miss Albertina Maroot of Philadelphia, also was hurt, suffering bruises and cuts.

Harold L. Cassidy, driver of the car, is held under \$2,000 bond.

OIL FIGHT IN HOUSE TO BE CLOSE TO-DAY

Saturday's Stormy Debate Over Putting Crude Upon Free List to Continue.

DECISIVE VOTE THURSDAY

Foes of Dye Embargo and Opponents of Hides Duty Still Are Hopeful.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—After a Sunday's rest the House to-morrow will enter the last week of consideration of the Fordney tariff bill with the most highly controversial of all paragraphs in the measure—the duty on oil—staring it in the face.

House members gave some consideration to oil yesterday and a resumption of the discussion, it was declared by leaders to-night, obviously will continue the heated debate which followed introduction of the Treadway amendment to put crude oil and fuel oil on the free list.

Under the special rule governing consideration of the tariff bill, a final vote is due late Thursday. In the meantime, however, the House must dispose of the oil question, and take separate votes on raw cotton and asphalt.

Whether cotton should be transferred to the dutiable list presents another problem likely to cause a stormy session and leaders said it probably would be a repetition of the fight for a duty on hides. Democratic members from cotton growing States announced after informal conferences to-day that almost a solid party vote would be cast against the Republican amendment providing a duty of 10 per cent. ad valorem on raw cotton.

Outlining the position of the minority on the cotton amendment, Representative Garrett (Tenn.), acting Democratic leader, declared the "iniquity of the proposal was glaringly apparent." In view of the admission by Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee that it would not increase the price paid to the farmer for his product, and that "the only excuse for the tax was to enable Republicans to increase the duty on cotton goods."

Consideration of the tariff bill thus far has been in committee of the whole, and, therefore, before the final vote is taken it is possible for the membership to vote again on the five contested schedules—hides, dyes, oil, cotton and asphalt. For the reason that another vote can be had opponents of the dye embargo provisions, as well as those opposed to a duty on hides, have high hopes of forcing the House to reverse its previous action.

None of the leaders would hazard a guess concerning the result of the vote on the oil duty which is expected to-morrow.

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